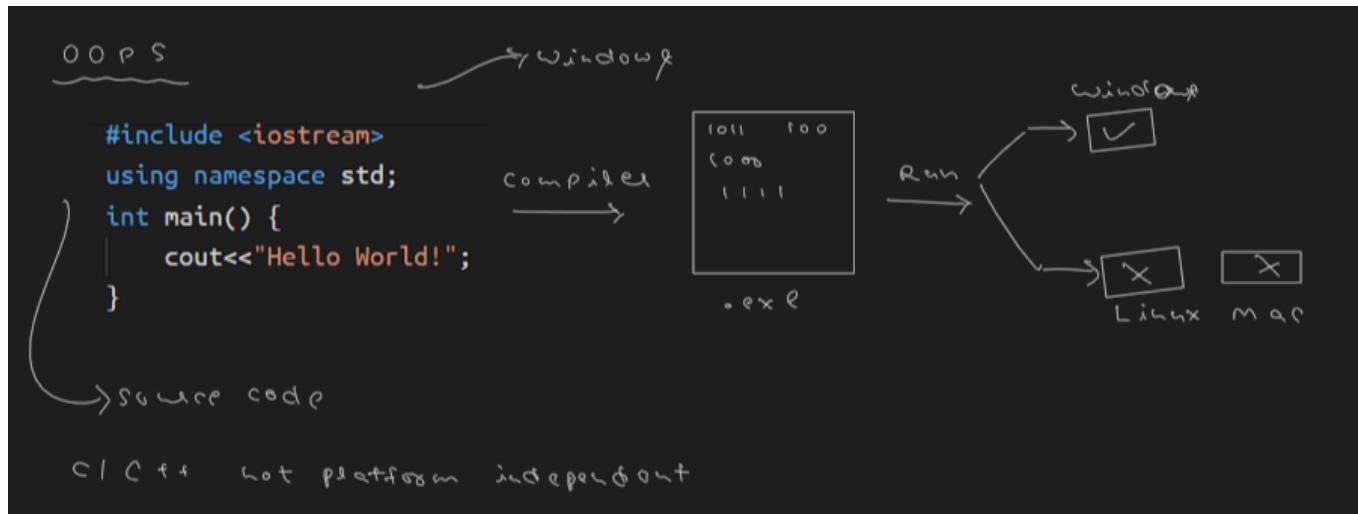
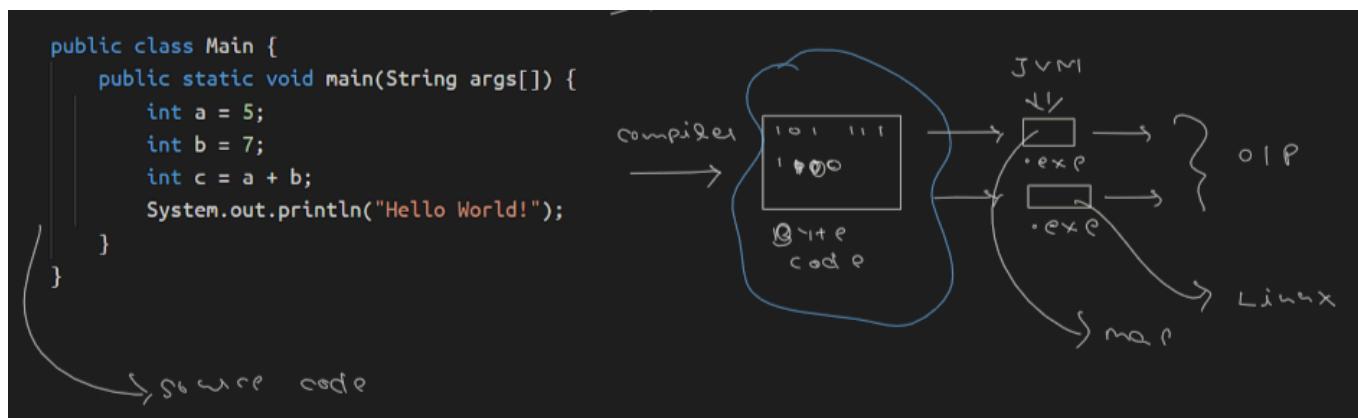


## C++ is Not Platform Independent

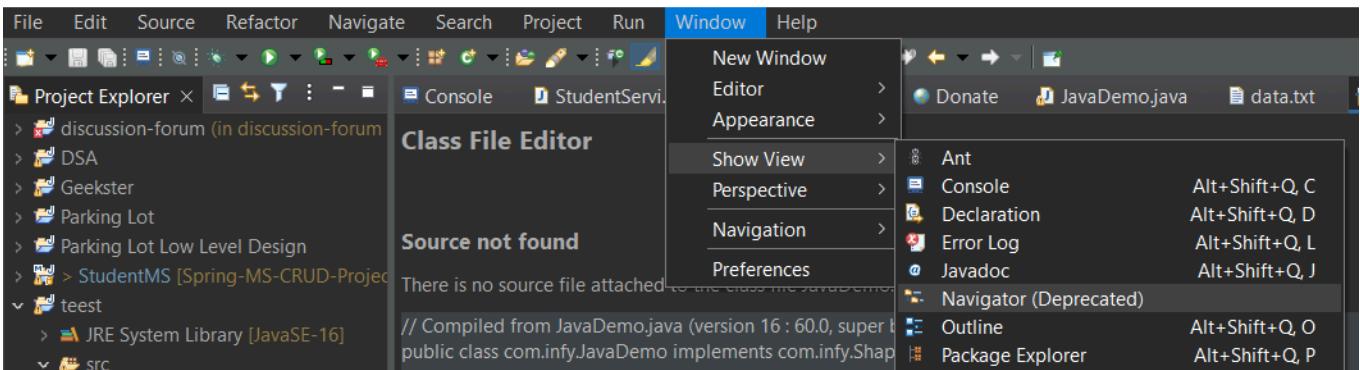


- C++ is not a platform-independent language. Suppose I have written a piece of code on a Windows machine. When I compile it, it generates an `.exe` file which contains binary values.
- Now, when I click the **Run** button, it shows the output. But when I try to run that `.exe` file, it will only work on a **Windows** machine, because only Windows understands the format in which the program was compiled.
- It will **not run** on a **Mac** or **Linux** machine, because the source code was compiled on Windows. So, the `.exe` will only work on the Windows platform.
- If you send the `.exe` file, it will not work on other platforms. But if you send the `.cpp` file, it will work on all platforms.

## Why Java is Slower but Platform Independent

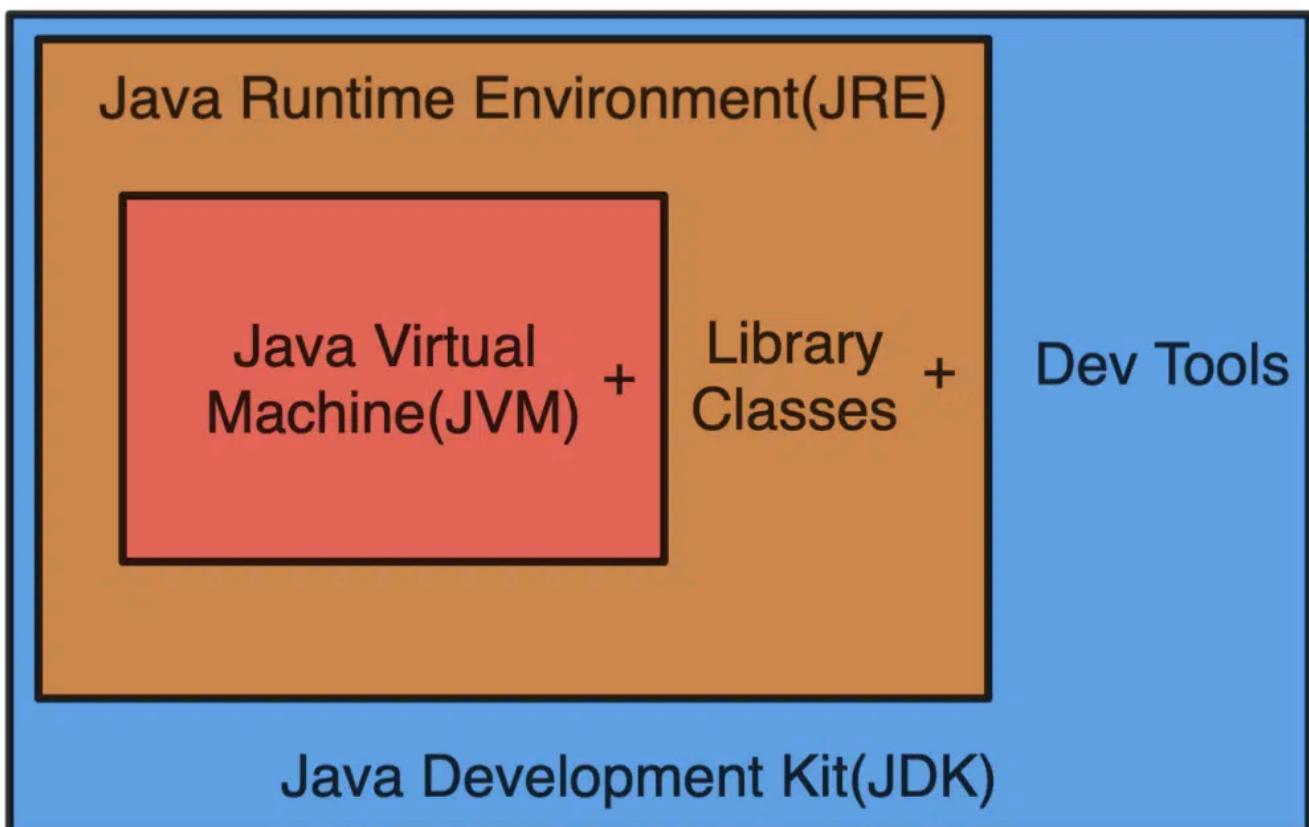


- Java is **platform-independent** but generally **slower** compared to languages like C++.
- Suppose I have written a piece of Java code on a **Windows** machine. When I compile that code, a `.class` file is generated. This `.class` file contains **bytecode** — an intermediate form of the program — which is usually stored in the `bin` folder, while the original Java code is stored in the `src` folder.
- Now, if you supply this `.class` file to **Windows**, **macOS**, or **Ubuntu**, the **JVM (Java Virtual Machine)** on each platform will execute it. This is what makes Java **platform-independent** — the same bytecode can run on any system that has a compatible JVM.
- However, because of this **extra step** (executing through the JVM instead of directly running machine code), Java programs tend to be **slower** compared to compiled languages like C++, which generate platform-specific executables.



## JVM, JRE, and JDK – What You Need to Run or Compile Java

- If you just have the **class file**, the **JVM** will execute the file.
- If you have some libraries also in your code, then the whole **JRE** will be needed.
- Now, if someone has provided you a **Java file**, then to execute it you need the **compiler** also — basically the **dev tools**.
- The whole thing is known as the **JDK**.



## Why Object-Oriented Programming?

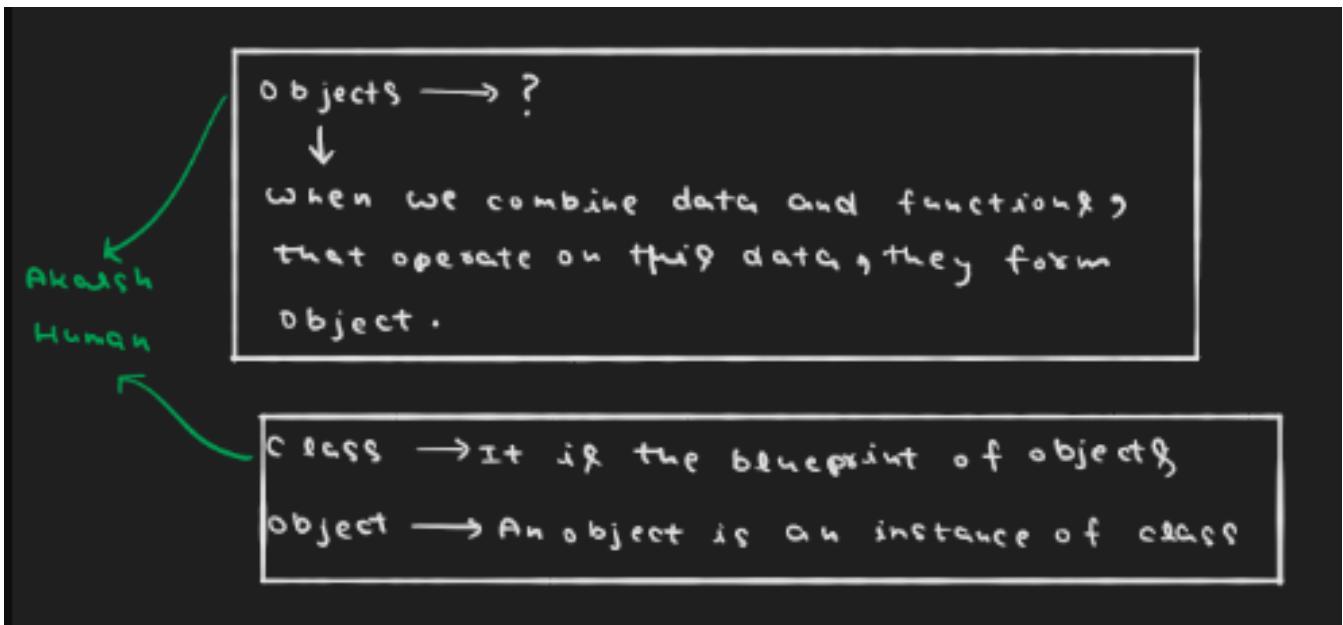
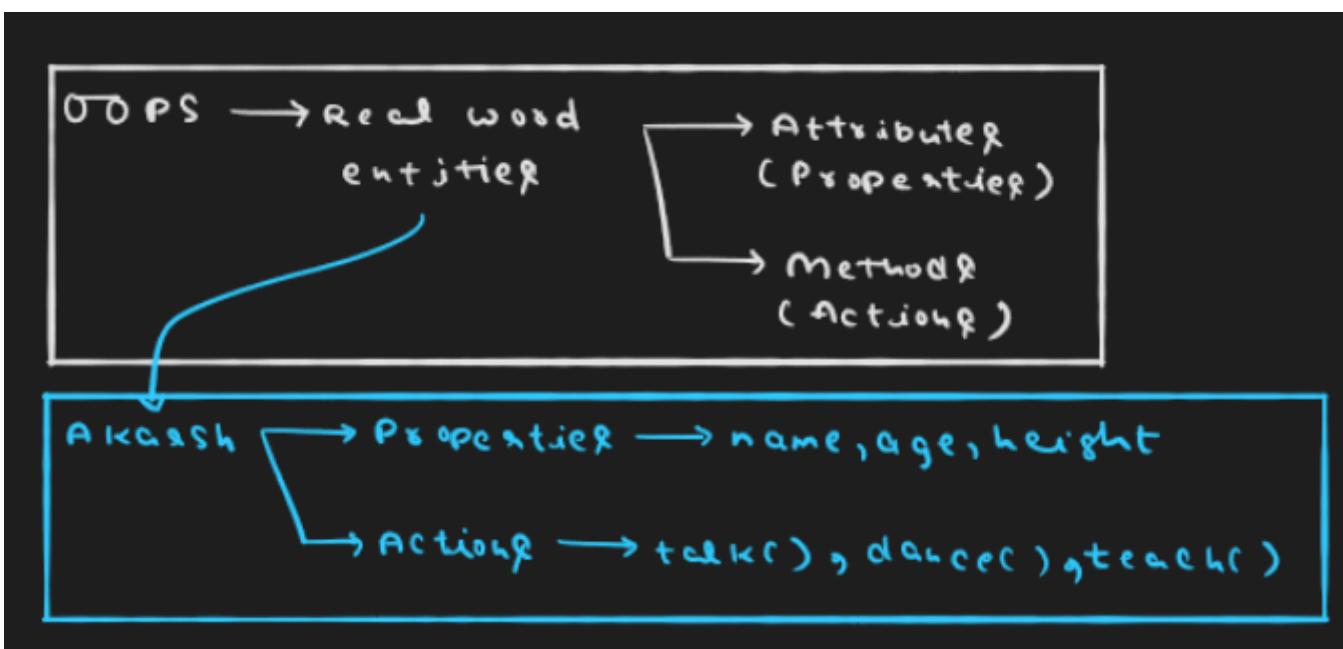
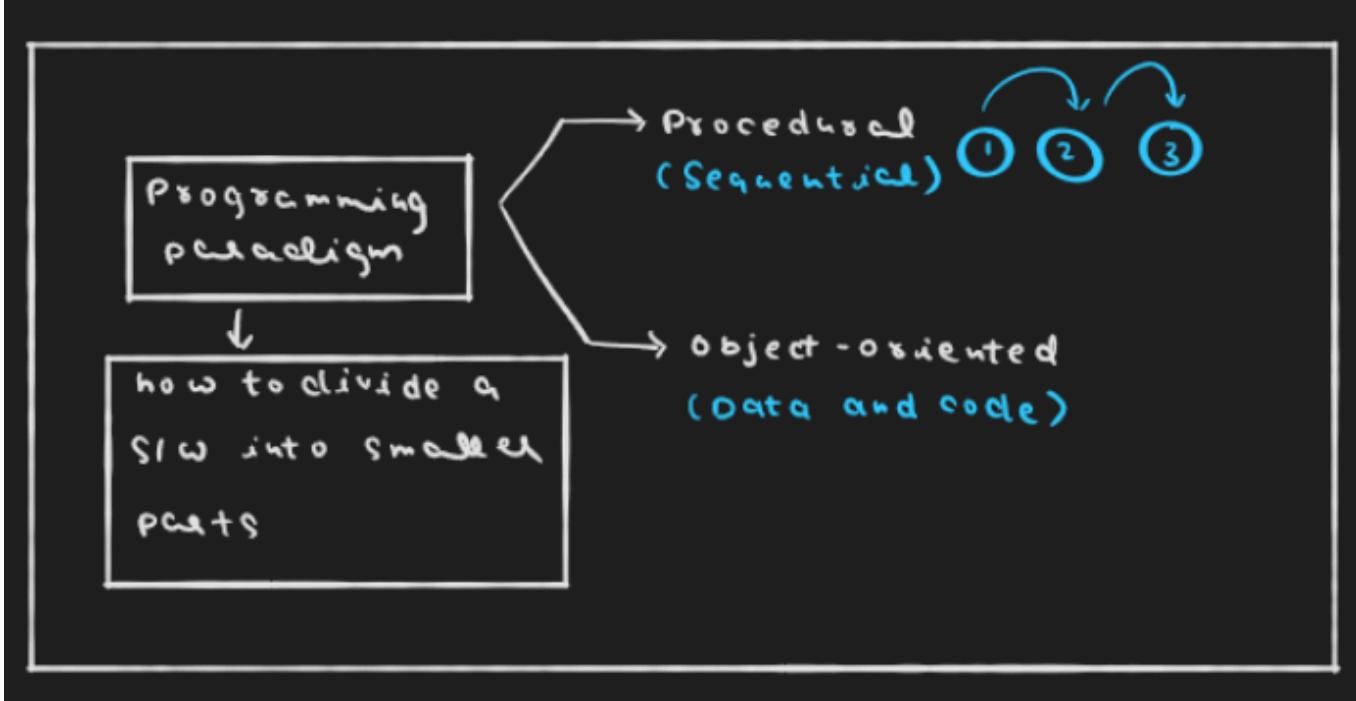
See, whatever code we have written till now was **function-oriented**, like we used to write in **C**. That kind of code is not reusable and not everyone can use it easily.

But **Java** has given us a list of **objects** that we can utilize very easily.

So, we want to write code that:

- Everyone can use
- Is easy to use
- Is easy to maintain
- Is reusable and modular

That's why we move towards **Object-Oriented Programming** — to make our code clean, structured, and reusable.



## Reusability in Java Using Object-Oriented Programming

```
ArrayList<Integer> l1 = new ArrayList<>();  
ArrayList<Integer> l11 = new ArrayList<>();
```

In the above example, if you notice, there is **no `main`** method and no **`public static`** method in the declaration itself. Still, we are able to **reuse the functionality** with two different data sets.

For example, `l1` is one list and `l11` is an entirely different list — there is **nothing common** between them in terms of data; they are **independent**.

Yet, we are using the **same functionality**, which shows how reusability works in Java through object-oriented programming.

### Student Example

```
public class Student {  
  
    String name;  
    int age;  
  
    public void introYourSelf() {  
        System.out.println("My Name is " + this.name + " & age is " +  
this.age);  
    }  
  
    public void sayHey(String name) {  
        System.out.println(this.name + " says Hey " + name);  
        introYourSelf();  
    }  
  
    public static void mentorName(Student s) {  
        // cannot access non-static part in static area  
        // introYourSelf(); // error  
        System.out.println("Akash is mentor of " + s.name);  
    }  
  
    static {  
        // static block  
        System.out.println("I am in Student class 1");  
    }  
  
    static {  
        // static block  
        System.out.println("I am in Student class 2");  
    }  
}
```



```

public class StudentClient {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
//      ArrayList<Integer> ll = new ArrayList<>();
//      ArrayList<Integer> ll1 = new ArrayList<>();

        System.out.println("Hello Akarsh");

        Student s = new Student();
        System.out.println(s.name);
        System.out.println(s.age);

        s.name = "Shinchan";
        s.age = 10;
        s.introYourSelf();

        Student s1 = new Student();
        s1.name = "Nohara";
        s1.age = 21;
        System.out.println(s.name);
        System.out.println(s.age);
        s1.introYourSelf();

        s.sayHey("Gautam");

        Student.mentorName(s);
        Student.mentorName(s1);
    }

    static {
        // static block
        System.out.println("I am in StudentClient class 1");
    }
}

```

## Why No **main** Method in the Student Class?

- I have not written the **main** method in the **Student** class because I want to make it act like a **library** that anyone else can use — just like the **List** library that Java provides.
- That's why I will call it from **another file or class**, where the **main** method exists. That class will create an object of the **Student** class and use its functionality.

## Understanding the **this** Keyword

- The **this** keyword is used to refer to the **current class members**.
- For example, if I have a variable called **name** in the current class, and I am also passing a parameter with the same name, then using **this.name** will refer to the **class-level variable**, not the parameter.

## How **this** Stores Object Reference

- Whenever you call a function — suppose from the object **s** — the **address of that object** is also passed internally.
- That address is stored in the **this keyword**, and it can be used to **access the current object** and to **identify which object has called the method**.

## Role of Static Block in Java

- A **static block** will always get executed **at the starting even before the main method will get executed**.

## Static Methods and Variables Are Shared

- **Static method/variable is common for all objects** and **referenced using class name**, like **mentorName** method is static which will remain same for any student.

## Access Rules: Static vs Non-Static

- From a **static context**, you **cannot access** a non-static member directly, and **vice versa**.
- You can only:
  - ◆ Access a **static part from another static part**
  - ◆ Access a **non-static part from another non-static part**

## ♦ JVM and **main()**

The **JVM (Java Virtual Machine)** always starts executing a Java program from the **main function**. When the JVM loads a class to run, it looks for the **main method as the entry point**. There must be **only one main method with the correct signature** in a class—only a single instance of it can exist.

The JVM begins execution from this method and continues running the program from there. Also, the Java program is executed by the **JVM**, which runs the program from **outside the class**.

For the JVM to access the main method, it must be declared as **public**. If it's marked **private**, the JVM won't be able to see or access it, because private methods are only visible within the class. Declaring it **public** ensures that the JVM can **invoke it from outside the class**.

## Person Example

```
public class Person {  
    String name = "Akarsh";  
    int age = 25;  
  
    //default constructor by Java (only when no human constructor is formed)
```

```

public Person() {
}

public Person(String name ,int age) {
    System.out.println("constructor");
    this.name=name;
    this.age=age;

}

//    public Person(String name ) {
//
//    }
//
//    public Person(int   age ) {
//
//    }

static {
    System.out.println("Hey static");
}

}

```

```

public class PersonClient {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Hi Akarsh!");

        Person p = new Person("Shinchan", 21);
        p.age = 42;
        p.name = "Shinchan Nohara";
//        p.age=22;

        Person p1 = new Person("Doaremon", -20);
    }

}

```

## Understanding Constructors and Polymorphism in Java

A **constructor** is used to **initialize the attributes** of a class.

Now, whenever you **instantiate a class**, first the **static block** is executed, and then the **constructor** is called **automatically**.

Constructors can be of multiple types:

- **Default constructor** (without parameters)
- **Parameterized constructor** (with one or more parameters)

You can also define **multiple constructors** in the same class — this is what **polymorphism** is all about: the ability to exist in **multiple forms**.

If you look at an example, you might see:

- A constructor with **one parameter**

- Another with **two or three parameters**
- And one with **no parameters**

When you create an object and pass a specific number of arguments, the **matching constructor** is called automatically.

## How a Java Program Executes (Step-by-Step)

First, **memory allocation** takes place — the variables like `name` and `age` are declared and assigned default values (e.g., `null` for objects, `0` for integers).

In the **second step, parsing** happens — this means whatever **default values** you've provided while creating the class (like during variable declaration) will be assigned.

In the **third step**, the **constructor** is called, and whatever values are passed into the constructor will be used to **initialize the variables**.